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Dear Parents,

I trust you all had a restful holiday. My visit to Romania was very successful. I visited a school in Cluj, Onisfor Ghibu School with 500 children in the primary department. They do have a website if your Romanian is good! [www.ghibucluj.lx.ro](http://www.ghibucluj.lx.ro) Since my return I have emailed the headteacher and begun to suggest that our children communicate with the children in her school. I also visited a family home (a-mic with nine children age 4 – 15) for children whose parents have died or are financially unable to support their children and a social centre (la noi with 15 children age 5 – 18) for children in similar situations. Both these organisations were extremely welcoming and the children from these establishments attend the school I visited. I will be sharing photos and information with the children in a few weeks during our worship times in school. If you have any questions regarding our community link with this European Community then please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Worswick

### **TONIGHT: Drug awareness presentation: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 4.00 – 5.30pm**

It is well known in society that drug and alcohol abuse spans across all social and economic classes and the consequences can be devastating. However it has been identified that the most powerful way to tackle the drug and alcohol problems is to promote effective policing and working with communities, schools, businesses and voluntary groups. The Insight programme is a presentation which looks at the most common illicit drugs in use in our communities. It is an ideal introduction for teachers and parents in order to increase their awareness.

### **Cross Country**

Due to popular demand this after school club will continue after half-term on a Monday night from 3.20 – 4.00pm. Please note the finishing time of this club as we are not yet ready to run for more than half an hour!

### **Snow Tree**

We still have some slips that have not been returned. With the weather changing we need to circulate this document as soon as possible. Please return your slip by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November if you do not wish your name and contact number to be included as we will be sending the information out on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christmas Cards**

This year we would like to encourage children not to send cards to each other but to sign one card from World Vision that will be in school from the end of November - greetings written in the card will then be read out during worship in December. The money saved can then be donated to World Vision. Staff will also be doing one card this year. This will be more eco friendly and as many cards were found on the floor or left in drawers last year it has been suggested that children could do a good deed to a friend to show their friendship instead of sending a card.

### **Swimathon 2010**

We have had several interested team members, is anyone interested in coordinating the team; a few phone calls and making sure the team are all there on the night!

The school is considering taking part in the 2010 Swimathon, organised by the Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle, at Macclesfield Leisure Centre on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>. It involves a team of 6 people (pupils, staff, parents and friends) swimming for a total of 45 minutes – that's one person in the pool at a time for a total of 45 minutes for all 6 people. The money raised is split 50/50 between the school and the Rotary Charities. If you or you child(ren) would be interested in taking part or **in organising our team** for this event then please let Mrs Bacon know as soon as possible as we need to register.

### **Dates for diaries**

This is the Christmas half term where the diary can become chaotic. I hope these dates will help you to arrange your family schedules in advance!

Date	Activity	Who is it for?
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Visit to The Quinta	Y6
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	The Quinta Y6 visit here	Y6
9 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Loughlin teaching	KS2 covering Mrs Spencer
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 10.50am	Remembrance service in Wincle church	The community
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm	PTA AGM	Parents, friends and teachers
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2.55pm	Shoe box assembly in school	Children
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 9.45am	Shoe Box service at Bosley	The community
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 11.00am	Christingle in Wincle	The community
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 9 – 10.30am	Phys Kids	Y5 / Y6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Making advent wreath	Juniors
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2 – 5pm	Christmas Fair	The community
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Nine lessons and Carols at Wildboardclough	The community
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm	Christmas Whist Drive in school	The community
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm	Christmas Play in church	The community
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 12.00pm	Christmas lunch for children	Children and staff
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm	Christmas Play in church	The community
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Party activities	Children
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December pm	Pantomime at Buxton	Children and Parents
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 3.20pm	School closes for Christmas	Everyone!
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Nine lessons and Carols at Wincle	The community
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens for the spring term	Everyone!

Advance date for summer 2010 Juniors **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July** residential on Anglesey.

### **Dinner Money**

The cost per child for dinners this half term is £70.00 (35 dinners at £2 each). Cheques should be made payable to Cheshire East B.C. Anyone who has not yet paid for last half-term the cost is £76 per child. Prompt payment is appreciated, anyone having difficulty with payments please feel free to come into the office to discuss ways to pay. Thanks Frances.